

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 QUASHAWN SHERIDAN,

Case No. 2:25-cv-00877-MMD-MDC

4 Plaintiff

ORDER

5 v.

6 BICKSTER., et al.,

7 Defendants

9 State prisoner Quashawn Sheridan brings this civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C.
10 § 1983 to redress constitutional violations that he allegedly suffered while incarcerated at
11 Northern Nevada Correctional Center. (ECF No. 1-1). Plaintiff filed an application to
12 proceed *in forma pauperis*, but it is incomplete because it is not on this Court's approved
13 form and he failed to include a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account
14 statement for the previous six-month period with it. (See ECF No. 1). The Court will deny
15 Plaintiff's application without prejudice and give him the opportunity to correct this
16 deficiency **by July 28, 2025.**

17 I. DISCUSSION

18 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees
19 from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee
20 for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55
21 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). "Any person who is unable to prepay the
22 fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis.*" Nev.
23 Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate
24 must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed
25 **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the
26 Court's approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a
27 completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court's approved form, that is
28 properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the

1 inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month
2 period. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), (2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis*
3 status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means
4 that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

5 **II. CONCLUSION**

6 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1)
7 is denied without prejudice.

8 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until July 28, 2025**, to either pay the full \$405
9 filing fee or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three of
10 the following required documents:

- 11 (i) a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page 3,
- 12 (ii) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and
13 the prison or jail official, and
- 14 (iii) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous six-
15 month period.

16 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
17 he fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to
18 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when he can file a complete
19 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

20 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff this Court's approved form
21 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate with instructions.

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23 DATED: May 28, 2025

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25 Hon. Maximiliano D. Covillier III
26 United States Magistrate Judge

